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Nelson Mandela believed in equality, freedom from want, and justice for all. He strived to attain peace, and he spoke truth to power. He showed that good can triumph over evil, and he conveyed this fundamental truth in his daily life.

Mandela shared with the world “poverty is man made and can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings”.

As a global citizen ambassador I challenge you the new vibrant generation of Global Citizens to make poverty history. In line with South Africa’s vision 2030, the National Development Plan (NDP 2030) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, let us all begin to take the necessary actions to make the difference we wish to see in the world - BY ENDING POVERTY.

To honor Mandela’s one hundred years, on behalf of President Cyril Ramaphosa and on my own behalf as Chairperson of the Mandela and MaSisulu Centenary Committee, it is our privilege that South Africa will be hosting the Global Citizen Festival on the 2nd December 2018, at the FNB Stadium in Johannesburg.

Thank you.